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I am fine with your draft response.

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Also-- Mr. Everett's letter attached, for context.

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For review. Note DDL today. Thanks in advance ....

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Susan Dunlap with the MT Standard Newspaper contacted EPA's MT Office about a letter Bill Everett, CEO of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, recently sent to EPA RA Doug Benevento about his disagreement with the 2018 sampling plan for schools in Anaconda MT as a part of the Anaconda Smelter Superfund cleanup. Mr. Everett's position is that, based on how the plan was designed, the results will be biased against finding contamination. He believes the method is not sufficient and suggests additional areas need to be sampled. Mr. Everett's letter is attached.

Susan wants to know EPA's response to Mr. Everett's letter. Her deadline is **COB today** for tomorrow morning publication. Draft response for your consideration.

- EPA has received Mr. Everett's letter and is considering his input on the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for sampling schools in Anaconda as a part of the Anaconda Smelter Superfund cleanup.
- EPA has also received comments from the Anaconda Deer Lodge County School Board. EPA appreciates all feedback and will consider all comments before revising the QAPP.
- EPA anticipates submitting a revised QAPP to the School District this week. EPA will provide a short response to all comments along with the submittal and make the final signed QAPP available on EPA's webpage for the Anaconda Smelter Superfund site. We will also follow up with a response to Mr. Everett's letter.
- EPA expects to attend the 2/14 public meeting Anaconda Deer Lodge County School Board and will answer any questions about the revised QAPP.

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